

COUNTY: HEREFORD & WORCESTER

SITE NAME: WORMBRIDGE  
COMMON

DISTRICT: SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD & WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, South Herefordshire District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 426313

Area: 0.4 (ha.) 1 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 149

1:10,000: SO 43 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1969

Date of Last Revision: 1975

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Formerly Common Land but no rights were registered under the Commons' Registration Act, 1965.

Reasons for Notification:

An area of acidic marshy grassland developed on peaty soils overlying clay, and which has pronounced fan characteristics. Although relatively small in size it has a rich and varied flora and represents one of the few remaining examples of this habitat now found in Herefordshire.

The grassland is dominated by soft rush *Juncus effusus*, reed grass *Phalaris arundinacea*, meadow sweet *Filipendula ulmaria* and great hairy willow herb *Epilobium hirsutum*. The associated flora is very rich and includes a number of species uncommon in this part of the West Midlands, such as bogbean *Menyanthes trifoliata*, bog pimpernel *Anagallis tenella*, marsh helleborine *Epipactis palustris*, meadow thistle *Cirsium dissectum* and red-rattle *Pedicularis palustris*.

Some scrub colonisation has occurred in the northern part of the area. This consists mainly of white willow *Salix alba* and goat willow *S. caprea*.